

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 928

House of Representatives, March 12, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

Cosponsor: Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency and Operation of Redemption Centers for  
Returnable Containers.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 739, § 16, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:**

**Distributors shall provide payment for the refund value and cost of handling to dealers or redemption centers within 10 business days after receiving the containers.**

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1866, sub-§ 5, is enacted to read:**

**5. Interest payment by distributor. In addition to the payment of the refund value and the cost of handling beverage containers, and in addition to other applicable penalties provided by law, violation of Title 32, section 1866, subsection 4, shall cause the distributor to be liable to the dealer or local redemption center, for interest at the rate of 1% per month on the amount of refund value outstanding between the time of distributor acceptance of beverage containers and the time of credit or payment of the refund value and handling charge to the dealer or local redemption center.**

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, some distributors are withholding reimbursement for returnable containers from grocers and local redemption centers for unnecessarily long periods. This creates a severe cash flow problem for dealers and redemption centers. This bill provides that such payments are to be made within 10 business days. This bill also provides that interest be paid to dealers or local redemption centers on the amount of outstanding refund value for the time between distributor acceptance of beverage containers and the credit or payment of the refund value and handling charge to dealers or local redemption centers.